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The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UPTON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 11, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable FRED UPTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

With gratitude and humility, with praise and appreciation, we offer our words of thanksgiving, O God, and seek Your blessings upon us and what we do.

Most earnestly this day we pray for those in this assembly to whom great responsibility has been given and from whom the critical decisions must come. For wisdom in the right use of power, we pray; for insight into the serious judgments that must be made for the welfare of all people, we pray; for discernment and knowledge in the search for peace in our world, we offer our petitions and our hopes.

May Your abiding presence, O God, encourage us in all things, so that justice rolls down as water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIERREZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GUTIERREZ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO CENSUS MONITORING BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 210(c)(1) of Public Law 105-119, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Census Monitoring Board:

Mr. J. Kenneth Blackwell of Ohio and Mr. David W. Murray of Virginia.

There was no objection.

### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO COMMISSION ON MAINTAINING UNITED STATES NUCLEAR WEAPONS EXPERTISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 3162(b) of Public Law 104-201, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Maintaining United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise:

Mr. Robert B. Barker of California and Mr. Roland F. Herbst of California.

There was no objection.

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 955(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 105-83, the Chair announces the

Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the National Council on the Arts.

Mr. DOOLITTLE of California and Mr. BALLENGER of North Carolina.

There was no objection.

### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 491 of the Higher Education Act, as amended by section 407 of Public Law 99-498, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a 3-year term.

Mr. Henry Gibbons of Missouri.

There was no objection.

### TRIBUTE TO DONNA WEINBRECHT

(Mrs. ROUKEMA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise enthusiastically on behalf of the United States Congress and the people of New Jersey to congratulate the Olympic legend, Donna Weinbrecht of West Milford, New Jersey. Donna has been the foundation of the U.S. freestyle team for 11 years, and over her career she has won an Olympic gold medal, seven U.S. titles and 5 World Cup championships. These championship performances are what has earned her the international reputation as the Queen of the Moguls.

But Donna Weinbrecht is more than the winningest skier in U.S. history. She is a mentor and road model for our young people and a credit to our Nation for the excellence in all she does. This young woman from New Jersey is an inspiration to both athletes and

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